

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
Executive Council

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Friends,

July 12, 2013

On Wednesday, the Governor & Council met in Peterborough (I joined by telephone from the hospital, a few hours after the birth of my second son, Patrick!).

Two items made some statewide news: first, at my suggestion [we tabled a \\$117k contract for an educational consultant](#) so that we could get more data supporting whether that fee reflected market rates and how the contract was sourced (the contractor worked at the state Department of Ed until recently). Second, we voted to have a hearing to [consider a pardon request](#) by a Cheshire Co. corrections officer who has an old burglary conviction.

We tackled a number of issues with both specific regional importance in the district I represent, and some with statewide impact:

**(1) Projects impacting Merrimack Co & Central NH:** OK'd funding to help Freudenberg-NOK expand a facility and create 15 new jobs in Northfield, emergency funds to replace a town boiler in Warner, the Sunapee Hills conservation project in Newbury, and a 119 acre conservation easement in Canterbury.

**(2) Projects impacting the Monadnock Region:** A grant for the Shattuck Farm conservation project and California Brook Nature Area in Keene, Chesterfield & Swanzey; agreed to hold a hearing considering a pardon for a Cheshire corrections officer with a prior burglary conviction; and transportation services between Hinsdale and Brattleboro.

**(3) Projects impacting Strafford & Belknap Co:** Support to rent out No-Till farming equipment in Strafford Co, a grant for the Sprucewood Forest in Durham, private dock work on the Bellamy river, a Homeland Security grant for UNH preparedness, contract for design work to replace the Rt 4 bridge over bunker Creek in Durham, construction of the 200-space park & ride off 202 in Rochester, and a previously-tabled contract for local public health services with the Goodwin Center in Somersworth.

**(4) Other projects & policies with statewide impact:** Approved a \$6.4 MM 2-year advertising contract for the NH Liquor Commission and tabled a contract for an education consultant.

Full details on all these items are included below, as well as all positions nominated & confirmed.

The next meeting is on July 24<sup>th</sup> in Portsmouth. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know (and if you prefer not to receive these updates, just drop me an email and let me know and I'll remove you from this list).

Sincerely,  
Colin  
Executive Councilor, District 2

**FULL 7/10 AGENDA:** <http://1.usa.gov/154KJP7>  
(or follow the links below for documentation of each item)

*The Council:*

### **1. DETAIL: CENTRAL NH PROJECTS**

Authorized financing of an industrial facility by the Business Finance Authority for Freudenberg-NOK General Partnership located in Northfield, New Hampshire. Action authorized a Resolution under RSA 162-I:9 to determine the financing will serve a public use, provide public benefit and is within the policy and authority of the Act.

[Authorized](#) to award a grant to the Town of Warner, NH, in the amount of \$30,000 to replace the boiler at the Old Graded School community building. Effective July 10, 2013 through June 30, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

[Authorized](#) the State Conservation Committee to enter into a grant with Audubon Society of NH, Concord, NH, in the amount of \$10,000 for the Sunapee Hills Project in the town of Newbury, Merrimack County. Effective upon G&C approval through April 30, 2015. **100% Other Funds – State Conservation Committee.**

[Authorized](#) to award an Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund grant to the Five Rivers Conservation Trust (Five Rivers) in the amount of \$68,830 to purchase a conservation easement on approximately 119 acres of land in Canterbury. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2014. **100% Aquatic Resource Mitigation Funds.**

### **2. DETAIL: MONADNOCK PROJECTS**

[Authorized](#) to **retroactively** amend a grant with the Monadnock Conservancy, Keene, NH, for the Shattuck Farm Project (originally approved by G&C on 4-13-11, item #20), by extending the completion date to December 30, 2013 from December 30, 2012. No Additional Funding.

[Authorized](#) the State Conservation Committee to enter into a grant with Monadnock Conservancy, in the amount of \$20,000 for the California Brook Natural Area Project located in the Towns of Keene, Chesterfield, and Swanzey, Cheshire County. Effective upon G&C approval through April 30, 2015. **100% Other Funds – State Conservation Committee.**

Authorized the petition of Thomas K. Schoolcraft requesting a pardon hearing for the offense of Burglary. The petitioner is not eligible for an annulment.

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Rail & Transit to enter into an agreement with Connecticut River Transit Inc., Rockingham, VT, to support transportation services connecting Hinsdale, NH to Brattleboro, VT, for an amount not to exceed \$33,250. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

### **3. DETAIL: STRAFFORD/BELKNAP PROJECTS**

[Authorized](#) the State Conservation Committee to enter into a grant with Strafford County Conservation District, Dover, NH, in the amount of \$33,000 for the Strafford-Rockingham Counties Small Farm No-Till

Initiative in the towns of Strafford and Rockingham Counties. Effective upon G&C approval through April 30, 2015. **100% Other Funds – State Conservation Committee.**

[Authorized](#) the State Conservation Committee to enter into a grant with the Trust for Public Land, Boston, MA, in the amount of \$35,000 for the Sprucewood Forest Project in the Town of Durham, Strafford County. Effective upon G&C approval through December 30, 2014. **100% Other Funds – State Conservation Committee.**

[Authorized](#) amend a **sole source retroactive** lease with the City of Rochester, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 6-22-05, item #317A), for continued occupation by the Rochester District Office, by increasing the price in the amount of \$550,500 to \$2,710,187.50 from \$2,159,687.50, and by extending the term from June 30, 2013 to June 30, 2015. **60% General, 40% Federal Funds.**

[Authorized](#) Lisa/Robert Hall's request to perform work on the Bellamy River, Dover, NH.

[Authorized](#) Patrick/Sarah Hourihane's request to perform work on the Bellamy River, in Dover.

[Authorized](#) the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to enter into a grant agreement with the University of NH, Police Department for emergency preparedness capabilities enhancements for a total amount of \$65,000. Effective upon G&C approval through May 31, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Bridge Design to enter into an agreement with GM2 Associates Inc., Concord, NH, for the preliminary design for the replacement of the Red List bridge carrying US Route 4 over Bunker Creek in the Town of Durham, for an amount not to exceed \$464,496.40. Effective upon G&C approval through July 31, 2016. **100% Federal Funds.**

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Alvin J. Coleman & Son Inc., Conway, NH, for construction of a park and ride facility with approximately 200 parking spaces off US 202 in Rochester, on the basis of a low bid of \$1,349,572.60. (2) Further authorize a contingency in the amount of \$134,957.26 for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through July 18, 2014. **80% Federal , 20% Turnpike Funds.**

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Infectious Disease Control and Division of Community Based Care Services, Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services to enter into an agreement with Goodwin Community Health, Somersworth, NH, to improve regional public health emergency preparedness and substance misuse prevention and related health promotion capacity, and implement school-based influenza clinics, in an amount not to exceed \$334,092. Effective July 1, 2013 or upon G&C approval, whichever is later, through June 30, 2015. **91.42% Federal, 4.39% General, 4.19% Other Funds.**

#### **4. DETAIL: OTHER PROJECTS & POLICIES**

[Authorized](#) to enter into a contract with Wedu Inc., Manchester, NH, for professional advertising and promotional services in the amount of \$6,427,371. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2016, with the option to renew for one additional two year period. **100% Liquor Funds.**

[Tabled](#) a contract to secure the services of Karen Soule, Manchester, NH, to assist with implementing the Educator Effectiveness Initiative used by schools to improve instruction, in an amount not to exceed \$117,000. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2014. **85% Federal, 15% Credentialing Funds.**

#### **5. DETAIL: APPOINTMENTS & NOMINATIONS:**

(\* = District 2 Resident)

Nominated by Gov. Hassan:

**Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management:** Perry E. Plummer, Dover\*

**Medical Review Subcommittee:** Patricia C. Sherman, Newbury\*

**Volunteer NH Board of Directors:** Kelly A. Clark, Webster\*

**Major, NH Air National Guard:** Captain Alexis W. Bull, Dover\*

**Enhanced 911 Commission:** Douglas M. Aiken, Moultonborough

**Executive Branch Ethics Committee:** Andrew R. Schulman, Bedford

**Fish and Game Commission:** James W. Ryan, Northwood

**Historical Resources Council:** Tim Sappington & Robert B. Stephenson

**Housing Finance Authority:** John Cuddy, Freedom

**Judicial Council:** Shari J. Landry, Loudon

**Board of Land Surveyors:** William J. Doucet, Newmarket

**Motor Vehicle Industry Board:** Cameron Eldred, Hanover

**Pre-Engineering Technology Advisory Council:** Corinne Cascadden, Berlin

**Board of Psychologists:** Susan G. Vonderheide, Nashua

**Retirement System Board of Trustees:**

John T. Beardmore, Hopkinton\*

Richard A. Gustafson, Bedford

Karen A. McDonough, Peterborough

Donald M. Roy, Merrimack

John G. Wozmak, Keene\*

Confirmed:

**Board of Acupuncture Licensing:** William J. Halacy, Concord\*

**Deferred Compensation Commission:** Kevin P. O'Brien, Concord\*

**Major, NH Air National Guard:** Toby B. Pellenz, Dover\*

**Lt. Colonel, NH Army National Guard:** Kristin J. Skinner, Concord\*

**Adult Parole Board:** Leslie Mendenhall, Nashua

**Board of Dental Examiners:** Charles E. Albee, Pembroke, Stacy A. Plourde, Hooksett

**Health and Education Facilities Authority:** Jill A. Duncan, Meredith

**NH Housing Finance Authority:** Amy L. Lockwood, Deerfield

**Board of Mental Health Practice:** Dayl H. Hufford, Salem

**Municipal Bond Bank:** Mark F. Decoteau, Waterville Valley

**Public Water Access Advisory Board:** Gene H. Porter, Nashua

**Board of Veterinary Medicine:** David B. Stowe, Gilford

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